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SIMMONS DELIVERS FOR STATE DEFENSE INDUSTRIES

Connecticut Defense Workers Biggest Winners In Annual Spending Measure

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, today announced that the House of Representatives last night passed the fiscal year 2007 Defense Appropriations bill by a vote of 394 to 22. The annual spending measure contains a number of items important to Connecticut's defense workers, including funding for submarine manufacturing and design, additional Blackhawk helicopters, and Pratt & Whitney engine assembly.

"The House and Senate have crafted a defense spending bill that funds programs vital to Connecticut's economy," Simmons said. "As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, it is my job to fight very hard for federal dollars that keep work at EB, Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky, Hamilton Sunstrand and UTC Power. This bill is a reflection of that."

The annual Defense spending bill includes funding for programs critical to Connecticut's defense industries:

Electric Boat

- \$2.5 billion for one Virginia-class submarine.
- \$32 million for additional research and design work on the Virginia Class program.

Hamilton Sunstrand and UTC Power

- \$1.6 million for the NP 2000 Propeller System.
- \$1.0 million for Central Air Monitoring System.
- \$1.3 million for Electric Start for Ships.
- \$3.0 million for Heavy-Duty Vehicle Demo (UTC Power).

Pratt & Whitney

- \$5.0 billion for the Joint Strike Fighter, with aircraft production beginning in Fiscal Year 2007.
- \$4.4 billion for C-17 *Globemaster III* cargo aircraft.
- \$3.4 billion for F/A-22 fighter aircraft.
- \$291 million for JOINTSTARS re-engineering.
- \$33 million for VAATE – Versatile Affordable Advanced Turbine Engine.
- \$12 million extra for F-16 "BLOCK 42" engine upgrades.
- \$30 million for Integrated High-Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology.
- \$7 million for the Tip Turbine Engine Concept.

Sikorsky

- \$906 million for Army Blackhawks.
- \$1.3 billion for 43 Navy Seahawks.
- \$358 million for the Marine Corps' CH-53K Heavy Lift Replacement helicopter.
- \$201 million for the Air Force's Personnel Recovery Vehicle helicopter.
- \$194 million for Navy and Army Firescout helicopters.

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